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SUMMARY. SECRETARY REFUGEES' COMMITTEE JOSEPH MKHWANAZI FEARS HE MAY BE DETAINED BY GOS FOR HIS REPRESENTATION ON BEHALF REFUGEES, LATEST EXAMPLE BEING HIS EFFORTS ASSIST THREE NEW ARRIVALS FROM MOZAMBIQUE WHO NOW DETAINED BY GOS. MKHWANAZI ASKED EMBASSY ASSISTANCE; WAS REFERRED TO BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION AS BRITISH PASSPORT HOLDER AND ALSO TO UNHCR. ACCORDING POLICE, THREE REFUGEES REFERRED TO BY MKHWANAZI ARE ARMY DESERTERS WHO BEING DETAINED AS ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS PENDING DETERMINATION THEIR APPLICATION REFUGEE STATUS. END SUMMARY.

1. IN VISIT TO EMBASSY JULY 10 AND 11 TO EXPRESS CONCERN ABOUT CONTINUED DETENTION SOUTH AFRICAN REFUGEE V. A. SHANGE (REPORTED SEPTTEL), SECRETARY REFUGEES' COMMITTEE IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SWAZILAND JOSEPH MKHWANAZI EXPRESSED FEAR THAT HE MIGHT

HIMSELF BE DETAINED. MKHWANAZI SAID HE KNEW GOS WAS IRRITATED BY HIS REPRESENTATIONS TO THEM AND OTHERS ON BEHALF REFUGEES WHICH GOS CONSIDERED "INTERVENING" IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS. MKHWANAZI SAID HE COULD NOT DO OTHERWISE IF HE WERE TO FULFILL HIS DUTIES ON BEHALF REFUGEES WHEN THEY ASK HIM FOR HELP. LATEST EXAMPLE WAS RECENTLY WHEN THREE "FRELIMO REFUGEES" CAME TO HIS DOOR AT MIDNIGHT SAYING THEY HAD JUST ARRIVED AND NEEDED HELP. THESE THREE NOW DETAINED BY GOS, ACCORDING MKHWANAZI.

2. MKHWANAZI ASKED "WHAT EMBASSY COULD DO TO HELP" IF HE WERE DETAINED. CHARGE REPLIED THAT AS MKHWANAZI HOLDS STILL VALID BRITISH PASSPORT HE SHOULD IN FIRST INSTANCE APPLY TO BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION FOR ASSISTANCE. CHARGE ALSO SUGGESTED MKHWANAZI STAY IN TOUCH WITH UNDP RESREP AS UNHCR HAS PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY REFUGEE MATTERS. MKHWANAZI REPLIED UNHCR GOODYEAR WAS TO VISIT SWAZILAND NEXT WEEK AND HE PLANNED SEE HIM AT THAT TIME.

3. RE PARA . 1, EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS FROM POLICE SOURCE THAT THE THREE MEN FROM MOZAMBIQUE PRESENTLY ARE BEING HELD PENDING DETERMINATION THEIR APPLICATION FOR ASYLUM AS POLITICAL REFUGEES. ACCORDING POLICE, THEIR CREDENTIALS AS POLITICAL REFUGEES DUBIOUS AS THEY ARE DESERTERS FROM MOZAMBIQUE ARMY WITH NO DEMONSTRATED LINK TO FRELIMO OR OTHER LIBERATION GROUPS. ACCORDING FRELIMO REFUGEE SPOKESMAN, FNU MOSANE, LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF SWAZILAND WHO ACCOMPANIED MKHWANAZI TO EMBASSY, IT IS "NEW THING" FOR SWAZIS TO DETAIN REFUGEES PENDING DETERMINATION THEIR STATUS; IN PAST, SUBJECTS WERE ALLOWED FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT UNTIL CASE DECIDED. IN REPLY EMBASSY QUERY, POLICE SOURCE ADVISED THESE THREE WERE FIRST-KNOWN REFUGEES FROM MOZAMBIQUE TO ENTER SWAZILAND IN SOME TIME AND THERE HAS BEEN NO RPT NO LARGE-SCALE MOVEMENT OF REFUGEES INTO OR OUT OF SWAZILAND SINCE CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT IN PORTUGAL.

4. COMMENT: MKHWANAZI'S FEARS OF DETENTION ARE WELL-FOUNDED. AS REPORTED REFTTEL, DPM TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT MKHWANAZI ALONG WITH THREE OTHERS MIGHT BE DETAINED. FOR REASONS NOT REVEALED, DPM HAS FOR QUITE SOME TIME STRONGLY WANTED OUT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF SWAZILAND THREE REFUGEE FAMILIES: TWO SHANGES AND ROBERT ZIKALALA. MKHWANAZI HAS LATTERLY BEEN RUMORED AS A LIKELY FOURTH TO BE ADDED TO LIST.
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